



# Sermon Discussion Guide

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## **SUMMARY**

Big Idea: **The People Who Jesus Welcomes Become People Who Welcome**

In Romans 14:1-12, Paul focuses our attention on our relationships with other believers in the church, as he says, the “strong” and “weak” in faith. Neither group is condemned for their thoughts and convictions on tertiary, open-handed matters, as each walk in liberty. What Paul does chastise and warn against is the maltreatment of each other due to these variances. Positively, we are to welcome one another, not despise or pass judgment. When Christ is truly LORD over each one of us, our personal preferences on the non-essentials cease to be the standard by which we measure one another. Those who may be “stronger” must not parade or flaunt their liberty, and neither strong nor weak should judge each other in these matters. God has welcomed us in Christ, and Christ alone is ultimately our master and judge.

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS** (A\*) = A MORE APPLICATION-ORIENTED QUESTION)

### **Intro:**

- Do you have any Easter traditions that you participate in with your family?
  - Would you ever think of mandating that other Christians must also celebrate Easter the way you do? Why or Why not?

### **Read Romans 14:1-12**

1. What is Paul's main point in these verses? How do you know?
2. Paul is dealing with “diet” and “days,” what are modern examples of these disputes?
3. If you've been around a church for some time, have you experienced this?
4. (A\*) What are some non-essentials, that you are convictional, about as a matter of conscience?
  - a. (A\*) Why do you hold that particular conviction?
  - b. (A\*) How do you respond to the following statement: “How and why you hold a conviction on a disputable matter is more important than what conviction you hold.”
  - c. When was the last time you evaluated or tested this preference against the Scriptures?
5. On the non-essentials, what is Paul's guiding principle? (v7-8)
  - a. How does the gospel fuel this?
  - b. (A\*) Where do you need to put this into practice?
6. If Paul's admonitions are not followed, what would be the outcome? What is at stake here?
  - a. (A\*) How does our love for one another serve God's greater purposes?